IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Cross-Reference to Related Application section on page 1 as follows:

This application is a divisional application of ~~published~~ U.S. ~~application~~ Application No. 09/863,894 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,694,230), filed May 24, 2001, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to French Patent Application 00 06828, filed on May 29, 2000, the entire disclosure of both of which are incorporated herein by reference. U.S. Application No. 10/715,855, filed November 19, 2003, is a continuation application of, and claims priority to, U.S. Application No. 09/863,894.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 8, as follows:

From guidance (heading, vertical speed, altitude, etc.) instructions sent to it by the device 10, the navigation computer 9A calculates three automatic pilot instructions, namely a commanded vertical load factor, a commanded roll rate and a commanded yaw. The latter instructions are sent, via the links 18 ~~16~~, to the flight control computer 3 which produces the automatic turning commands for the control surfaces 8 (elevator, stabilizer, ailerons, rudder, etc.)